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Applicant: Vandlik et al

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES AND
AMENDMENT A**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action (requiring an Election of Species) mailed February 1, 2006, for which a shortened one month period of response was set.

An automatic five month extension of time, up to and including August 1, 2006, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

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